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■ **REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Ceremonies held in Port Colborne, Welland and Pelham

## We will never forget

**DAVE JOHNSON**  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Air cadets from 79th Lynston Davies Squadron stood silent sentry overnight around the cenotaph at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park in preparation for Monday's Remembrance Day ceremony.

Joe Belansky, squadron commander, said 16 cadets started at 6 p.m. Sunday and rotated through until the end of the ceremony.

"They do this in other areas and we started it here last year," said Belansky.

"Tents and an RV were set up for the cadets to take shelter

in overnight, especially when the winds started to pick up off of Lake Erie and roar up the hill at the park.

Those winds continued into the morning and the 300 or so people who gathered at the park for the annual ceremony huddled together as the winds gusted at more than 60 km/h.

Tents were also set up near the cenotaph for veterans and others laying wreaths during the 45-minute-long ceremony.

As people, including children from Port Colborne schools, huddled together and *Last Post* played, a Second World War Grumman

Trojan T-28 flown by Alf Beam made three passes overhead. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 president Gary Borzato wasn't even sure the plane would make it due to the high winds.

Welland MP Malcolm Allen, Welland MPP Cindy Forster, regional Coun. David Barrick, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs and Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey all spoke at the ceremony, which saw a couple of dozen wreaths laid around the cenotaph by the ceremony's conclusion.

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DAVE JOHNSON/QMI AGENCY (NAGARA)

Welland MPP Cindy Forster and Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey attend Remembrance Day ceremonies at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park in Port Colborne, Ont. Monday, Nov., 2013

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# LOCAL NEWS

■ **WYLDEWOOD SURF CLUB:** Event held in memory of founding member

## November perfect for riding waves

**DAVE JOHNSON**  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — The surf was up on Lake Erie Sunday and surfers from across Ontario and New York battled it out on the waves in the Gales of November fourth annual Magilla Schaus Memorial Surf Contest.

The contest was held where surfing began in the Port Colborne area on Lake Erie, and where one of the oldest — if not the oldest — surf clubs on the Great Lakes began.

"I've never seen it like this here before," said Wyldewood Surf Club president Chris Fumlinger, as he looked over the waves of Wyldewood Beach.

Wyldewood Surf Club was formed in 1964 by Darcy O'Hear, John O'Hear, Tom Christopher, Don Harrison and Maynard 'Magilla' Schaus.

Fumlinger said there were 30 surfers who signed up for the memorial surf contest, which had been in a holding pattern for November, waiting for the right conditions.

The contest had been slated for Saturday, but conditions were predicted to be

### WYLDEWOOD SURF CLUB

Formed in 1964 by Darcy O'Hear, John O'Hear, Tom Christopher, Don Harrison and Magilla Schaus

Organizes beach cleanups on the shores of Lake Erie in the Port Colborne area

Holds contests later in the year, depending on the wave conditions

Members come from Canada and the United States

better Sunday.

When surfers showed up, there were surfable waves in front of the cottage where the contest was being held. The cottage is owned by the Roy family and is next door to where Schaus, a former U.S. navy man and member of the Buffalo Fire Department, lived.

Matt Roy, a member of the surf club, was taught how to surf on the lake by Schaus.

Schaus, who was an Eastern Surfing Association (ESA) Great Lakes co-director, started the Gales of November surf contests in 1998 as a way to show lake surfing was a viable activity.

The contest is held in November because it's traditionally a stormy month and generates good waves on Lake Erie at places like Pleasant and Wyldewood beaches in Port Colborne and Crystal Beach in Port Erie.

Sunday marked the day the *Edmund Fitzgerald* sank in a



DAVE JOHNSON/TRIBUNE STAFF

Larry Cavero competes at the Gales of November-fourth annual Magilla Schaus Memorial Surf Contest held Sunday at Wyldewood Beach in Port Colborne. Cavero took first place in the longboard division.

Lake Superior storm in 1975, with the loss of the entire crew of 29, and the anniversary of the great three-day storm of 1913 that claimed 250 lives and saw 12 ships

sink across the Great Lakes.

It also marked the day Schaus died, at the age of 58, in 2009.

Club members were happy the way the contest went and

said Schaus would have been proud to see all of the surfers competing.

Waves held up for the four-hour contest which saw competition in stand-

up paddle (SUP), women's, longboard and shortboard divisions.

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### CONTEST WINNERS

Elliott Woolner, stand-up paddle (SUP) division;  
Ariel Anaral, women's division; Larry Cavero, longboard division; and Matt Rocheford, shortboard division

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■ ourview

## Let's not forget

**R**emembrance Day is more important now than ever. In our increasingly digital, social media, reality TV-focused age, it seems hard to get a few minutes of silence to reflect.

Let alone enough time to sit down with a good history book and learn about the past.

As a society, we're at risk of forgetting our history. In 1945 there were over a million Canadian Second World War veterans. Today there are only around 90,000.

We must keep their stories alive and those of all veterans. We must remember the men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms.

Now 11 doesn't do all of this. But it does give us pause, if only for a moment, to remember that this matters.

People come from all over the world to make Canada their home. We are a stable country where people are free to follow their dreams and exercise their liberties.

At times, world events have put this at risk. Since Confederation, Canadian soil has largely been peaceful. But we've had to go abroad to contain other menaces and help other people.

Remembrance Day recognizes the role played by veterans in the First World War, Second World War and the Korean War.

It also remembers the sacrifices made by the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, Egypt, Somalia, Rwanda, the Balkans, the list goes on.

Sure, not everyone likes the political climate behind these missions. But that's not what Remembrance Day is about.

Sadly, there are people who want to dishonour this non-partisan occasion. The misguided white poppy campaign argues Remembrance Day promotes war, violence and the militarization of society.

Not so. We encourage them to put the white poppy away and simply reflect on the solemn events happening Nov. 11. Lives were lost. Families torn apart. All so we could live in freedom. That's something we should all take a moment to recognize.

To quote John McCrae's *In Flanders Fields*:  
"To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high."

Thank you to all of our veterans for your service.

We will always hold the torch high for you and make sure future generations of Canadians do the same.  
Let me forget.

# When bad things happen to God's people

**PASTOR GARY TOMICK**

*Vainfeet Confederation Church*  
Quite a few years ago Rabbi Kashner wrote a best selling book "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Is anyone really good save the Lord Jesus.

A more accurate question would be Why do good things happen to bad people? And then for Christians Why do bad things happen to God's people?

Secular thinkers would tell us that God is not all-loving or He would not allow suffering. Others would say that God is not all-powerful. If He were, He would step in and eliminate all suffering. Or that He would like to help us. He suffers with us, but He can only bring His hands in despair and hope that all things would work out in the end for the ones undergoing pain or affliction.

I would contend with Biblical authority that God is both absolutely loving and absolutely powerful. In love Christ dies on the cross and in power the Lord says nothing is impossible with Him. In the ultimate sense, no one can fully understand the mystery of God's ways.

But of this we can be certain—Jesus the only good one, the only innocent one, who suffered and died for us. And the power of God raised Him from the dead. God allows, ordains, even creates calamities. Isaiah 45:7 "I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create

disaster."

God is not a moral monster. He creates life and He takes it away. He works out His higher purposes out of the tragedies of life. Jesus willingly died on the cross. He could have called on legions of angels to save Him, but that was His mission in life to die for the sins of the world. He could have easily come off the cross but where would any hope be for mankind?

That tragedy of death on the cross was swallowed up in or by the brilliant and glorious light of His resurrection. Bad things sometimes happen to God's people, but they are only temporal and are working for us in eternal weight of glory. It is always the Cross before the Crown, Suffering before Bliss, and often Darkness before Light. How can Christians stand up to the slings and arrows of life? They often pray that God would remove that thorn (many times) until they come to realize that God's Grace is sufficient for anything they will ever go through.

Greater still, they learn with the Apostle Paul to be content in all things. And greater still they can even rejoice in their suffering as countless martyrs have done and are still doing today. They with Moses can long for the presence of God to such an extent that he said to God, "show me your glory." Since no one can see God and live, God put Moses in the cleft of a rock and covered him with His hand, then God removed his hand and Moses saw the back

of God. I could spiritualize this and say that we all like the security in the cleft of the rock—safe and secure from all alarms.

The Lord covers us and we are comfortable, but then at the opportune time, the Lord removes His hands and we kick and scream all the way. Why? Like a mother eagle, the Lord in due time will push us out from our comfortable nests then swoop down and pick us up upon His back and drop us little by little so we can learn to fly on our own. They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength, they will mount up with wings like eagles.

There is a time to be in the cleft, to rest and bask in the wounds, to sharpen our swords and then to enter the fray of the Spiritual Battle with renewed strength and vigour. The Lord puts His hands in the cleft of a rock, He then covers them with His hand, He may even allow them to see some glimmering of His glory for we see through a glass darkly now. He will then remove His hand that we might trust Him in the dark knowing full well, that we are still engrained upon the palms of His hands.

If you become God's people through faith and forgiveness you will become a child of God and migrated Eternal Life. You will not be immune from the trials and tribulations of life, but take confidence in this solid truth. Nothing absolutely Nothing is ultimately BAD for God's people.

## You know you're from Vainfeet if ...

**I** didn't want to do it, I really didn't want to do it, you made me ... No, not you. Former advertising genius and now a Fleeter, Wayne Hughes sent me an e-mail that read: "You know you're from Vainfeet if you notice all the recycled cans have bullet holes in them."

No, not this year I said to myself. The people are content. I said to myself, why get them all riled with that stupid "You know you're from Vainfeet if ..." column. And then I saw a guy stopped at the end of my driveway, in a car 10 years newer than mine and he was going through my recycling bin picking out the refundable wine bottles. And I said, why not?

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**WILLIAM THOMAS**  
HUMOUR

after you went the Father & Son Grand Ole Opry Weekend, you had to dig up Dad.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if you convinced your wife to subscribe to Chatelaine so you could get Bowhunter Monthly free.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if you like walking around the pup tents at the Long Beach camgrounds just to pet the dogs.

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"You know you're from Vainfeet if you firmly believe your sons should get those farm jobs going to immigrant workers, just as soon as they're out on parole.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if the bottle collection on the shelves

of your garage double as a shooting range.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if you much more comfortable attending the new church on the highway where they've got it down to six commandments.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if you bring your own shopping cart to Marshville Chocolates.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if you believe lite beer was invented for guys with bad backs.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if you forbid your daughter to attend Toronto's St/LaWalk and took her to Humberside Speedway instead.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if you keep three pet chickens on the back porch named Mild, Medium and Suicide.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if you have a tattoo in a place where even the embalmer at Davidson's probably won't be able to find.

"You know you're from Vainfeet if the old bumper sticker on your truck "God Has A Plan" has been replaced with "God Has A Plan B."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ■ WAINFLEET

### I didn't want to do this ... really

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• You know you're from Wainfleet if you see nothing wrong with the woman who operates both the Wainfleet Canine Obedience School and Marriage Counseling Inc.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you thought the "Early Bird Special" at DJ's was a roasted duck shot out of season.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you saved a hundred bucks on a fire alarm by hanging an aluminum container of Jiffy Pop on the living room wall.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if the guy carrying frankincense and myrrh in your church's Nativity scene looks an awful lot like Willie Nelson.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you have built the size of golf balls in your freezer.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you still get a little choked up when you hear Muskoka Love.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if the highlight of the birds and bees talk you gave your children was watching The Forty Year Old Virgin.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you're dead against carrying weapons in moving vehicles especially after you had a few drinks.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you have a photo of yourself eating a Bacon Sundae at Nashville's Grilled Cheeserie.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you demanded your money back at the Elvis Forever Concert when you found out they were using an impersonator.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you notice the teller at Cash & Loan is dressed as a pirate for Halloween and nobody notices the irony.

• You know you're from Wainfleet if you destroyed 40 acres of feed corn by misreading Burn The Koran Day.

And finally, you know you're from Wainfleet if you were as proud as punch that the twins came in second in the school Halloween costume contest, one dressed as a tube of Preparation H and the other dressed as Johnny Cash and singing *Ring of Fire*.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED REGIONAL POLICY PLAN AMENDMENT (RPPA 5-2013) Consultation, Engagement and Implementation Policies

**PURPOSE**

Since its development in the late 1970s, the Regional Policy Plan has evolved considerably. Between the adoption of the initial plan and now, many changes have been made to the document to reflect the long term goals and Vision for Niagara. Recently, a number of important foundation elements that underpin the Plan have been adopted by Regional Council through separate amendments. Collectively, these amendments constitute major elements of the Region's Five Year Review, which is being undertaken as a project called Imagine Niagara. One of the priority projects identified through Imagine Niagara involves developing consultation and engagement policies and updating the Plan's implementation policies. Completion of this task falls under Imagine Niagara's 'Engagement' topic area and will tie together many strategic foundation elements of the plan and lay out a clear set of policies and priorities for advancing the new principles of the Regional Plan.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

The proposed amendment will provide a comprehensive update to date of the Regional Plan's consultation policies (Section 12) and implementation policies (Section 14). In addition to updating these policies, amendment aims to accomplish the following three goals: foster stronger partnerships with Local Municipalities, stakeholders and agencies; implement the Region's commitment to consultation and engagement; and, improve planning service delivery for end users including the development community, the public and partnering Local Municipalities.

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

Public input on this proposed amendment is welcomed and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Region. If you do not express your views through these avenues, you may be forfeiting your right to appeal Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

This public meeting is being held under the provisions of Section 17 of the Planning Act at the following time and place:

**DATE:** Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013  
**TIME:** 1 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Niagara Region Headquarters –  
Campbell West  
Temporary Council Chambers, Formerly CE 101 & 102  
2201 St. David's Rd.  
Thorold, ON

**WRITTEN SUBMISSION**

To provide input in writing or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 2201 St. David's Rd. P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, ON L2V 4T7, or email [janet.pilon@niagararegion.ca](mailto:janet.pilon@niagararegion.ca).

**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the proposed Amendment please contact Kelly Martel, Planner by phone at 905-685-4225, ext. 3378 or email [kelly.martel@niagararegion.ca](mailto:kelly.martel@niagararegion.ca).

A copy of the proposed Amendment and information and materials related to the Amendment are available for inspection beginning Nov. 14 in the Integrated Community Planning Department at the above address Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and at [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca).

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If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Policy Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk and such request must include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

## ■ GLOBAL AID

## Students send backpacks to Guatemala

MELISSA MANGELSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Students at St. Therese Catholic Elementary School in Port Colborne filled 81 backpacks that are being shipped to students in Guatemala.

The backpacks were filled with toiletries, clothes, school supplies, toys and sports items, all donated by the students.

"Everyone could participate in this. It didn't matter if they filled an entire backpack or brought in one pencil, they all had a part in this," said Grade 3 teacher Melanie Berardocco, who organized the school's Packs of Hope fundraiser.

Cash donations were also accepted by the school, which will be used to pay for shipping.

"Sending 81 backpacks to Guatemala is really expensive, so we had to fundraise for that as well," she said.

The backpacks will be shipped so that the kids receiving them can have them for Christmas.

St. Therese Catholic Elementary School has been participating in the Packs of Hope campaign for more years than Berardocco can remember, but over the past six years that she has been leading it students have filled 674 backpacks and raised \$1,375 for shipping costs.

Berardocco said participating in the campaign also gives the students an opportunity to learn about social justice, and the importance of helping people locally and around the world.

"No matter how well off the kids are, they all want to help. As a school there is a sense of pride to know that we're doing something good for someone else," she said.

The campaign ran for two weeks at the school and as backpacks were filled, they were placed inside the front entrance of the school where students came daily to see how many they had collected.

"The students came down here a couple times a day to watch the numbers increase."

"It's been a really great experience for the students."

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■ **RESEARCH STATION:** Port Colborne explosion injured two workers in 2012

# Ministry of Labour brings charges against Vale

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Nearly one year after an explosion rocked the No. 2 Research Station at Vale Canada's Port Colborne refinery, Ministry of Labour investigators charged the company under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The charges were sworn Oct. 7. The company's first court appearance is at 9 a.m. Dec. 13 at the Ontario Provincial Offences Court in St. Catharines.

The explosion on Oct. 18, 2012, saw two workers taken to hospital by Niagara EMS paramedics, with up to 15

others treated on scene, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services, with mutual aid from Port Erie Fire and Emergency Services, fought flames and worked in thick black smoke in the four-storey building.

The research station building is situated in the south-east corner of the sprawling Vale property on Port Colborne's east side.

The fire was on two floors of the building and saw a conveyor belt and sulphur burn. At the time, Port Colborne fire Chief Tom Cartwright said an evacuation was not considered due to the wind direction carrying smoke away from the facility and surrounding neighbour-

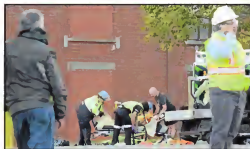
hoods.

Cory McPhee, Vale's vice-president of corporate affairs, said the company could not comment on the charges as the matter is now before the courts.

Charges laid include: failing as an owner of a workplace to ensure that a workplace is constructed, developed, reconstructed, altered or added to except in compliance with the health and safety act; failing to ensure that the measures and procedures prescribed in a section of the act were carried out in the workplace; failing as an employer to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of a worker.

of the act were carried out in the workplace; failing as an employer to ensure that the measures and procedures prescribed to a section of the act were carried out in the workplace; and failing as an employer to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of a worker.

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DAVE JOHNSON/STAFF PHOTO

In this file photo, one of two workers injured during a fire and explosion at Vale in Port Colborne last year is tended to by Niagara EMS paramedics. Ministry of Labour investigators charged the company with a number of offences under the Occupational Health and Safety Act in Oct.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED REGIONAL POLICY PLAN AMENDMENT (RPPA 8-2013) Development Phasing Policies

**PURPOSE**

The Region will be hosting a Public Meeting to allow residents an opportunity to learn about and provide feedback on the Region's proposed Development Phasing Policies.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

An amendment to the Regional Policy Plan is being undertaken to provide Region-wide development phasing policies. The Amendment is required to conform with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Places to Grow) and to implement the settlement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and the Region on the appeal of Amendment 2-2009 (Niagara 2031). Development phasing policies will guide future residential and employment development by prioritizing where, and in what order, lands in Niagara will develop to the year 2031 and beyond. The development phasing policies will help to complete the policy framework for managing growth and development in Niagara Region.

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

Public input on this proposed amendment is welcomed and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Region. If you do not express your views through these avenues, you may be forfeiting your right to appeal Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

This Public Meeting is being held under the provisions of the Planning Act at the following time and place:

**DATE:** Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013

**TIME:** 1 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Niagara Region Headquarters –  
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Temporary Council Chambers, Formerly CE 101 & 102  
2201 St. David's Rd.  
Thorold, ON

**WRITTEN SUBMISSION**

To provide input in writing or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 2201 St. David's Rd., P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, ON L2V 4T7, or email [janet.pilon@niagararegion.ca](mailto:janet.pilon@niagararegion.ca).

**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the proposed Amendment please contact Brian Dick, Senior Planner by phone at 905-685-1571, ext. 3365 or by email [brian.dick@niagararegion.ca](mailto:brian.dick@niagararegion.ca).

Information and materials related to this Amendment are available for inspection in the Integrated Community Planning Department at the above address Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and at [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca). A copy of the proposed Amendment will be made available on Nov. 14, 2013.

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## ■ REMEMBRANCE

## Wainfleet cenotaph campaign launching

**MELISSA MANGELSEN**  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — The township is inching closer to establishing a cenotaph to honour veterans.

Earlier this week residents, Royal Canadian Legion members and cenotaph committee members came together at the future site of the Wainfleet cenotaph to kick off their fundraising campaign.

Doug Willford, cenotaph committee chair, said they have received four design plans for the cenotaph and will be going through each of those submissions carefully.

"All of the landscapers who have submitted designs are local. We want to keep the landscapers as local as we possibly can," said Willford.

The cenotaph committee is now in the fundraising stage.

The project should cost no more than \$75,000, which will include the monument, the landscaping and the installation.

The group has applied for a grant from Veteran Affairs Canada that will cover 50% of the cost of the cenotaph.

"We're awaiting word to see if we have received the grant or not. We're optimistic," said Willford.

If the grant is approved, the remaining 50% will be fundraised.

Wainfleet lost nine men in the First World War and 10 in the Second World War. There are two plaques with the names of those who lost their lives in the arena, but the committee wanted more.

With Remembrance Day less than a week away, Willford said this is the perfect time to begin fundraising for the cenotaph.

"If people want to go to a Remembrance Day ceremony, they have to go to Welland or Port Colborne. Once the cenotaph is built, they won't have to."

"The cenotaph reminds us that freedom has not come without sacrifice. As a community, we honour them," said Willford.

The cenotaph is a community project that will see various fundraising activities over the next year.

The location of the cenotaph will be at the corner of Park St. and Sugarloaf St.

Donations can be made to Wainfleet Historical Society and dropped off at township hall or mailed to Wainfleet Historical Society, Attn: Doug Willford, 128 St. Lawrence Dr., Welland, L3C 2H6.

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■ **TRANSPORTATION:** Cab licensing rate frozen for past 17 yearsTaxi fares,  
fees could go  
up in Niagara

**BILL SAWCHUK**  
QMI Agency Niagara

ST. CATHARINES — The board in charge of setting fares and licence fees for Niagara's taxi industry will be looking into the issue of hiking rates in the new year.

The police licensing commission heard from the taxi companies at its recent meeting.

"It's an opportunity for people in the industry to give us information, make a presentation on proposed licence fee increases and possible increases in taxi fares, which are regulated," said commission chair Vaughn Stewart.

The police-run licensing department is supposed to be self-sustaining, Stewart said. Costs have risen with wage increases, as well as increases in enforcement expenses incurred while policing the illegal taxi industry.

"We have had no licensing fee increase since 1996, so it's been 17 years. And it's costing a lot of money, so we need to address that issue as best we can," Stewart said.

"We will put it all together and decide the best course of action."

From the industry's point of view, fares need to increase, said Hanif Patni, owner of Coventry Connections, which owns both Central Taxi and 5-0 Taxi.

"For five years, the taxi fares have not gone up," Patni said.

"The taxi fare rate includes the tax and we went from the GST to the HST so we are paying 8% more in taxes without an increase. That needs to be

adjusted. They are very late in adjusting. That should have been done a long time ago."

The information gathered at Friday's meeting, as well as written submissions,

will be presented to the licensing commission committee in December. It will make a recommendation to the board.

"There is nothing concrete," Stewart said. "We wanted to hear from the

industry first. There are pressures from both sides to say if our costs are going up, we need to raise our fares. From our side of it, if we don't recover the necessary money we have to go to the taxpay-

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an Endangered Planet. In its 16th year, Distinguished Speaker Night is a fall tradition at St. Kevin's. It begins with 5 p.m. mass, followed by a potluck supper at 6:15 p.m. In the parish hall followed by the speaker's address at 7:15 p.m. People attending the potluck are asked to bring a dish of their choosing (salad, main course, dessert, etc.) and their own place settings. Coffee, tea, and juice are provided. For more info, call 905-735-3562.

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## NOVEMBER 27

### TH&B RAILWAY HISTORY

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## NOVEMBER 28

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■ **EMPLOYMENT:** Grade 7 students targetedProgram aims to stop  
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ST. CATHARINES — As a region, Niagara is getting older — it has one of the oldest populations in Canada.

And while it ages, many of Niagara's best and brightest

young minds leave to find work elsewhere in the country.

That's something Walter Sendzik, CEO of Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce, is hoping to change.

The chamber is partnering with NEXTNiagara — a pro-

gram that serves young professionals in Niagara — to create a web tool aimed at keeping young talent in the region.

"Absolutely, we are trying to stop the brain drain of young people in Niagara," he said.

"A lot of employers in Niagara have jobs, but to find qualified people they have to look outside Niagara."

The program is called Job Route, and Sendzik said it will be aimed at Grade 7 students to show them what kind of careers exist in Niagara and what kind of schooling they

will need to qualify for them.

He said Job Route, funded by a two-year \$90,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is focusing on emerging local industries like biotech-

nology, advanced manufacturing and agri-tourism.

Sendzik said Job Route is aimed at Grade 7 because by Grade 9, Ontario students are asked to start planning out

what they want to do with their future.

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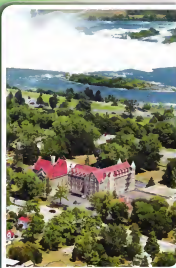


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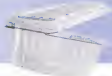
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Federal prosecutor Peter Wengowski said Oliver entered Canada at the Peace Bridge in

Fort Erie on May 4 and told customs officers he didn't have any firearms. During a secondary inspection, officers discovered an unloaded pistol in the compartment of the driver's side door. A magazine containing bullets was found in the dashboard.

Wengowski argued for jail time, saying a monetary penalty is akin to a licensing fee to let to customs officers. But Walker said it was "an honest mistake" and Oliver has never had any issues with the law.

He said Oliver has a fear of losing his career because he's licensed as a technician for nuclear power plants in the U.S. and needs to be re-certified. Judge Peter Wilkie said

Tom Jacob said the pair were friends since the 1980s and in 2009 decided to jointly purchase the property. However, in December 2012 the friend decided to pull out and didn't want to go through with the purchase. Longmore forged her name on

documents to go ahead with the sale. As a result, the friend's name is on the title of the property and with the mortgage company.

The friend discovered her name was attached to the house when she called a credit agency on an unrelated

matter.

Jacob said to date, the Crown is unable to obtain a tangible loss to the friend or to the mortgage company since Longmore has kept the mortgage in good standing. A pre-sentence report was ordered.

### Woman unknowingly buys house

ST. CATHARINES — A woman who forged a friend's name on mortgage documents for a house in Niagara-on-the-Lake pleaded guilty to fraud over \$5,000. Deborah Longmore, who was 45 at the time of the offence, will be sentenced Jan. 17.

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Infection with HPV occurs with skin-to-skin contact. Warts are caused by viruses and are passed from person to person. A common way of contracting the virus is by walking barefoot in public pools, showers etc.

About 30% of warts clear spontaneously in six months to 48% to 70% clear in two years without any treatment. However, most people would like to resolve warts more quickly than this. Salicylic acid is a first line OTC option. This slowly destroys virus-infected skin and may stimulate the immune response of the person infected through mild irritation, which in turn helps clear the infection. There are a number of salicylic products available. They range in concentration from 17% to 40%. A 40% product should be used for plantar warts. The use of salicylic acid on facial warts is not recommended because of a potential risk of hyper- and hyperpigmentation (skin discolouration).

There is a lot of a regimen to follow with salicylic acid products. Before treatment the warts should be soaked in warm water for five minutes. Then, an emery board or pumice stone should be used to remove dead tissue. The salicylic acid treatment should then be applied. Treatment may need to be continued for up to 12 weeks. If the wart causes pain, patients can take acetylsalicylic acid or ibuprofen for the discomfort. Examples of OTC salicylic acid wart removal products include COMPOUND W, DR. SCHOLL'S CLEAR AWAY PLANTAR, and DUCLOM WART REMOVER.

Cryotherapy (freezing) is another common wart removal treatment. This causes irritation and tissue destruction so that the individual mounts an immune response against the virus. Doctors typically use liquid nitrogen which freezes tissues to -196°C. There are also home cryotherapy systems available. These contain dimethyl ether and propane tanks. Examples include DR. SCHOLL'S FREEZE AWAY WART REMOVER, COMPOUND W FREEZE, or Evidance shows DMF and liquid nitrogen are fairly similar in efficacy. After application of cryotherapy a blister eventually forms on the wart. The frozen skin and wart fall off after about ten days and reveals newly formed skin underneath. It is recommended that OTC cryotherapy only be repeated three times usually in ten day intervals.

The use of duct tape as a wart treatment has gained popularity. By putting duct tape over the wart they think the virus is deprived of oxygen which causes irritation and stimulates the immune response to the virus. Typical administration involves applying silver duct tape over the wart and removing a week later. Scrubbing the area with an emery board and leaving it open overnight. This manipulating duct tape. Silver duct tape has been shown to be more effective than clear duct tape, possibly because of the adhesion.

There are also a number of prescription products that can be used for warts if OTC treatments are ineffective. Patients with diabetes should consult their physicians before beginning treatment for their warts. Also, genital warts must be treated by physicians and are not suitable for treatment with OTC methods. In general OTC wart treatments are effective, however, they may take several weeks for the wart to be removed. For proper choice of a treatment method come in and speak to your pharmacist.

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